

Career Cruising: Kentucky ILP Newsletter- January 2012

Hello,

Happy New Year! Did you make any resolutions this year? At Career Cruising, our resolution is to make 2012 a year of excitement and innovation, a year of growth and transformation, and a year of continued commitment to unrivaled student engagement and success! We think you're going to love what we have in store for you this year.

In this month's newsletter, learn more about using the School ILP Administration Tool reporting tools to monitor and motivate student ILP usage, find out how Career Cruising's ILP and School ILP Administration Tool features help enhance student experiential learning opportunities, such as work experience programs and co-operative education, and learn more about the Kentucky Department of Education's Operation Preparation initiative. I'd also like to remind you about our exciting training options and available training webinar recordings.

School ILP Administration Tool Reporting Tools: Insight into Your Students' Interests

Want to know what sparks your students' interests? The answers can probably be found in their ILPs. With the *ILP Reports* in School ILP Administration Tool, you can see the careers and schools students have saved to their ILPs, the scholarships they'd like to apply for, and the careers or clusters Matchmaker has suggested. You can also learn about their preferred activities outside of school, such as extracurricular activities, hobbies, community service experiences, and employment.

The data contained in the *ILP Reports* can be invaluable for helping you plan advisement programs and career development activities, such as career fairs, college recruitment visits, and skills workshops, that are engaging and relevant. With the messaging tools in the reports, you can quickly send relevant information to students who have the same interests (saved careers, schools, extracurricular activities, etc.)

The more your students use their ILPs, the more data you will have and the better equipped you will be to help them transition into additional training or education and the world of work, so it's important to encourage students to take advantage of all the ILP's features and to use it regularly. If you have any questions about using the School ILP Administration Tool or encouraging ILP development, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Using Career Cruising with Work Experience Students

Work experiences take students out of the classroom and into the community where they discover hands-on what it's like to work in a career that interests them. Work experience is a fantastic way to help students learn more about the preparation and skills required to work in an occupation, understand how school subjects are related to potential career choices, and develop crucial workplace skills. Career Cruising's ILPs and School ILP Administration Tool include some great features that help support students' work experiences.

For example, students enrolled in work experience programs can set learning goals for their placement, keep track of their participation in work-related activities, and reflect on their experiences in the Career Planning Activities section of the ILP. Advisors and educators can use the School ILP Administration Tool to schedule advisement sessions with work experience students, upload schedules and forms, add relevant links to ILP Homepages, and review the goals that students have recorded in their ILPs.

Click on the link below to access a document with tips and suggestions for using Career Cruising to support students' work experiences:

http://www.careercruising.com/newsletters/12_Jan/UsingCareerCruisingWorkExperience_ILP.pdf

Operation Preparation Toolkit

On behalf of the Kentucky Department of Education:

Operation Preparation, March 12-16, 2012, has been set aside to focus on helping students plan and get ready for college and career. Plans for Operation Preparation are moving full steam ahead in many districts. The Operation Preparation Toolkit will help you implement the event in your school/district. It is available on the Operation Preparation website, www.operationpreparation.com, under the Schools/Districts section.

The toolkit is divided into four sections:

- Planning and Support
- Advisory Recruitment and Assignment
- Communication and Promotion
- Follow-up

You may use many of the materials as-is or to customize them as you see fit. Operation Preparation logos are available here too.

The Toolkit is meant to support you as you implement Operation Preparation in your community. Online training for volunteer advisors is scheduled to be available this month through the Operation preparation website.

While participation in Operation Preparation is a local option, it is hoped that schools and districts will see this as an opportunity to help students as well as reach out to parents, businesses, and community organizations and involve them in the advising process and the college/career readiness agenda for Kentucky. Each has an important role to play if we are to reach the goal of college/career readiness for all students and secure Kentucky's economic future.

For further information or any questions, please contact:

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Winter/Spring 2012 ILP Training

You recently received our Winter/Spring 2012 Training Reminder outlining all the exciting in-person and web-based Kentucky ILP training options, developed in consultation with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), that are available to interested participants. I'd like to remind you that sessions have begun January 25th.

We hope that you will be able to join us!

Kentucky ILP Training Webinar Recordings*—Available On Demand

Don't forget to check out our updated Kentucky ILP webinar training videos* on several topics in the Helpful Documents section of the School ILP Administration Tool. These sessions are available for you to view at your convenience, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

*Note: For some computers or networks, to successfully view a webinar recorded in GoToMeeting/GoToWebinar format, you must either have GoToMeeting software installed or download the GoToMeeting codec at <http://www.gotomeeting.com/codec>

That's all for this month! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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